

ABSTRACT

A magnetic recording head, a magnetic reproducing head, a magnetic recording apparatus comprising the magnetic recording head, and a magnetic reproducing apparatus comprising the magnetic reproducing head are described. The magnetic reproducing head having a magnetic gap at a medium-facing surface and includes a pair of magnetic yokes of ferromagnetic material, a magnetoresistance effect film, and a pair of biasing films. One of the pair of magnetic yokes has a magnetic tip at the medium-facing surface and also a rear portion recessed from the medium-facing surface and magnetically coupled to the magnetic tip. The magnetic tip has a first width in a track width direction at the medium-facing surface, and the rear portion has a second width in the track width direction wider than the first width. The magnetoresistance effect film is recessed from the medium-facing surface and is magnetically coupled to the pair of magnetic yokes of ferromagnetic material. The pair of biasing films are recessed from the medium-facing surface and one of the pair of biasing films comprises a hard magnetic material layer disposed adjacent to the rear portion or an antiferromagnetic material layer disposed in contact with the rear portion. The magnetic tip may be provided with appropriate volume of the magnetic biasing from the magnetic biasing film and magnetic domains in the magnetic tip may be sufficiently controlled.